

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 13 of the present application as follows:

In the illustrated preferred embodiment, the second element 52 has a limited rotational range in both directions defined by stops upon the pivot (not shown) about which the second element 52 rotates. In other preferred embodiments, rotation of the second element 52 is limited in either or both directions by one or more stops on the second element 52, the pivot (not shown) upon which the second element 52 is mounted for rotation, and/or a wall of the latch assembly 10. For example, a stop in the illustrated embodiment of FIGS. 1-7 is illustrated schematically as a dashed radial line in FIGS. 3-7. In any case, the first element 50 is movable to either side of a center orientation with respect to the second element 52 to result in different positions with respect to the control lever 12 (thereby resulting in different interaction with the control lever 12 when actuated). Rotational stops and their manner of operation are well known to those skilled in the art and are not therefore described further herein.